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Subject From NPS.gov: designated trails.

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After visisting the big cypress, hunting and camping, I can tell you that this will be my last year. The designated trail system is a farce. The camp area we have stayed in for the past 20 years has all the trails leading to it closed. Of course about a half mile from where wecamped our newly aquired citizens cleaned out a nice area removing all the natural foilage, and putting in 5 or 6 tents,have a secondary trail leading to it (Thru a prarie I might add). I spent most of my time, not hunting, but dodging atv's going like a bat out of hell. Many of them did not have any rifles. They were out there to play, not hunt. I will turn 63 in January and for health reasons I am not able to walk that much, making it impossible to hunt the big cypress. The everglades is unique,and because of its swamp nature, the limited trail system will turn many hunters away from the Big Cypress. My suggestion would be that during hunting season to lift the closed areas and allow access to where the deer are, and after hunting season go to designated trails. It would make much better sense. If changes are not made,I will sell my swamp buggy and find another area to hunt.